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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Letter mailed on May 1, 2002, please amend the claims as follows:

D1 4. (Twice Amended) The process of claim 12, wherein the separating of the mevinolin is carried out at a pH between about 2.2 and about 2.

D2 6. (Twice Amended) The process of claim 15, wherein said additive is ethanol, or ethylene glycol.

D3 12. (Amended) In a process for preparing mevinolin by fermentation of a culture medium, which includes dissolving mevinolin formed into the culture medium obtained by cultivation of at least one of an *Aspergillus terreus* and *Aspergillus obscurus* strain, and separating the strain from the culture medium to obtain a separated culture medium, separating the mevinolin from the separated culture medium, and recovering the mevinolin product, the improvement which consists essentially of carrying out the